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1. EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN DISPUTE --

LIBYAN PERM REP KIKHIA CONFIRMED TO SYG WALDHEIM APRIL 26
LIBYAN DECISION NOT TO CIRCULATE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S
LETTER PROTESTING EGYPTIAN ACTIONS AGAINST LIBYAN NATIONALS
IN EGYPT, USUN LEARNED. (EARLIER, LIBYAN FM'S CABLE REQUESTED
SYG TO CIRCULATE THE LETTER AND USE HIS GOOD OFFICES IN
CONNECTION WITH LIBYAN NATIONALS DETAINED IN EGYPT.)
LATER, EGYPTIAN PERM REP MEGUID CALLED THE SYG, WHO CON-
VEYED INFORMALLY THE LIBYAN "GOOD OFFICES" REQUEST.
ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT, THE SYG FEELS HE HAS DISCHARGED
HIS FUNCTION, AND THE EGYPTIAN MISSION APPRECIATES
INFORMALITY OF HANDLING REQUEST. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1267)

2. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION --

FRENCH RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WAS NEGATIVE ON GROUNDS OF AN
ALREADY OVERCROWDED CALENDAR. ADDITIONAL REPLIES FROM CAPITALS
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INCLUDED CONFIRMATION OF THE SKEPTICAL VIEW OF UKUN AND OF
FRG PREFERENCE FOR A ONE-TIME SESSION. NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED
THE PROPOSAL BUT HAD STRONG DOUBTS AS TO ITS CHANCES
OF SUCCESS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1262)

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3. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES --

WITHOUT OBJECTION OR DISCUSSION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APRIL 26
APPROVED ITS REPORT ON TOKELAU. CHAIRMAN KOUAME (IVORY
COAST) EXPRESSED REGRET FOR THE LOSS OF LIVES WHICH
RESULTED LAST WEEK FROM THE EARTHQUAKE IN THE SOLOMON
ISLANDS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF THE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, MONTSEERRAT AND THE TURKS AND CAICOS
ISLANDS, HEARING A STATEMENT BY MONSALVE (CHILE), WHO
THOUGHT THAT THE MEASURES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS SEEMED TO OFFER
THE FULLEST POSSIBILITY OF ATTAINING THE RIGHT TO SELF-

DETERMINATION. HE SAID CHILE ATTACHED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LINKS BETWEEN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS AND BELIEVED THAT A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ISLANDS SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ALL. AS FOR MONTSEERRAT, THE SMALL SIZE OF THE ISLAND WAS AN ELEMENT THAT DID NOT WORK IN FAVOR OF ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ALSO IN THE CASE OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, THE SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES AND THE SMALL POPULATION MILITATED AGAINST ATTAINING A SOUND ECONOMY. HE SUGGESTED DEVISING AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MONTSEERRAT AND DEVELOPING TOURISM AND THE FISHING INDUSTRY FOR THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

4. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED ITS DISCUSSION APRIL 27 OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM OF THE UN CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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TIONAL CORPORATIONS. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SIERRA LEONE, NETHERLANDS, ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA, FRG, ITALY, CANADA, KENYA, SPAIN, UGANDA AND ARGENTINA. SAHLGREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER, COMMENTED ON POINTS RAISED DURING THE DISCUSSION, AND PERSONS SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION TO ASSIST IT IN A PRIVATE CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY REPLIED TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE UK AND INDIA.

THE NETHERLANDS AND FRG DELS WERE CRITICAL OF THE PROGRESS REPORT PREPARED BY THE CENTER, PARTICULARLY ITS LACK OF SUFFICIENT DETAIL. THE ALGERIAN DEL STRESSED THAT THE CENTER MUST DILIGENTLY RESPOND TO ANY REQUEST FOR ADVICE CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND SAID ALGERIA DID NOT SHARE THE CONCERNS ON THIS MATTER EXPRESSED APRIL 26 BY CERTAIN DELS -- THIS AMOUNTED TO "BLACKMAIL." FRG SAW A SPECIAL PROBLEM IN THE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF UN PERSONNEL IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS; HOWEVER, THE CENTER SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE BACKGROUND ADVICE TO COUNTRIES REQUESTING IT. ITALY, CANADA AND SPAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING THE NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT CANADA SHARED THE RESERVATIONS OF OTHERS THAT THE CENTER NOT BECOME DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. THOSE DELS STATING THAT THE ROSTER OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE SELECTED ON A WIDE GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS INCLUDED ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA, ITALY, CANADA, KENYA AND SPAIN. UGANDA HOPED THAT SOME OF THE BETTER PLACED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CENTER'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS.

SAHLGREN, NOTING THAT USDEL HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE

INVOLVEMENT OF THE CENTER IN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS, SAID THE CENTER HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. THE KINDS OF ADVISORY SERVICES PROVIDED FELL SQUARELY WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED TYPES OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY UNDP. RUBIN (US) WAS FIRMLY IN FAVOR OF THE
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CENTER STRENGTHENING THE NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT REITERATED FEARS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONNEL OF THE CENTER PARTICIPATING IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT MUCH OF THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO THE CENTER CAME FROM TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS THEMSELVES, AND HE HOPED THAT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED.

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5. SOCIAL COMMITTEE--

THE COMMITTEE APRIL 27 ADOPTED A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE ECOSOC DECIDE TO ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, OF NOT MORE THAN 25 MEMBER STATES, FOR THE 1980 WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN. BY VOTE OF 40-2 (NIGERIA, SOMALIA)-8, THE COMMITTEE AGREED NOT TO TAKE A DECISION AT THIS SESSION ON THE POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE CONFERENCE.

APRIL 26, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WHICH DEALT WITH SUCH MATTERS AS TRAINING OF WOMEN FOR THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS, REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, IMPROVEMENT OF THE DATA BASE FOR MEASURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION, AND INVOLVEMENT OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO'S) IN THE PROMOTION OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO RECOMMEND DEFERRAL OF ACTION ON TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE INVOLVEMENT OF NGO'S AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF WOMEN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMITTEE'S APRIL 20 RECOMMENDATION THAT ECOSOC DECIDE TO SUBMIT TO THE NEXT GA THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. THE DECISION, ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, CUBA, ETHIOPIA, IRAQ, SYRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, WAS APPROVED 24-17-5, FOLLOWING THE DECISION, 24-14-9, TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THE SEVENPOWER DRAFT DECISION OVER AUSTRIAN AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON NGO'S. ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED A JAPANESE PROPOSAL (L.707) WHICH MERGED TWO INTERRELATED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

6. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FOOD PRODUCTION--

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A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO DRAFT RESOLUTION V, RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, WHICH RELATES TO "SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORM AS A MEANS OF INCREASING DOMESTIC FOOD PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTING IT EQUITABLY AMONG THE POPULATION." UKRAINE IS SPONSORING TWO OF THE AMENDMENTS, AND ALGERIA, NIGERIA AND YUGOSALVIA HAVE PROPOSED, INTER ALIA, REFERENCE TO THE TWO NIEO RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL GA. (USUN 1264)

7. ELECTIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--

THE NETHERLANDS MISSION ASSURED USUN BY NOTE OF SUPPORT FOR THE US CANDIDACY FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THE US WILL SUPPORT THE NETHERLANDS' CANDIDACY IN 1978. (USUN 1263)

8. ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR DESERT DEVELOPMENT--

UNITAR SENT INVITATION TO US TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR DESERT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT, SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE UN INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (UNITAR) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE HELD IN SACRAMENTO, MAY 31-JUNE 10. (USUN 1271)

9. REGIONAL CATOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE--

NEW ZEALAND IS CIRCULATING A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE CONVENING OF THE NINTH UN REGIONAL CATOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IN 1980 IN NEW ZEALAND. IT IS ALSO SEEKING COSPONSORS AMONG ESCAP MEMBERS. (USUN 1265)

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